

open a new office shortly in some more commodious situation.

N. B. The amiability of all wives guaranteed, if required, on payment of one shilling extra.—[Galignani's Messenger.]

**GUN COTTON.**—“Talking of cotton, a discovery has been made, which, if war is rendered fashionable by French and Spanish alliances, will afford an opening for a large consumption of the article, to the exclusion of ‘villanous saltpetre.’ One Schonbein, found out that cotton possessed an explosive power, and has communicated his discovery to the world; but will not wear his laurels, or rather his cotton cap, in peace. Numerous other ‘scientific men’ have put forward claims to the invention—the discovery, and there is not a day passes without the publication of some of the experiments undertaken by Schonbein’s competitors or their friends and patrons. In India you have so many savans and so much cotton, that it will be agreeable to you to be informed of a few of the experiments and the manner of them; and it will be equally agreeable to us on this side of the water, to hear that you have elicited some new facts bearing upon this very interesting affair. It is not forgotten that electricity gained something by the experiments of your O’Shaughnessy.

“M. Morel, a mechanical engineer of Paris, presented a box of cartridges ready prepared for small arms. Burned on the hand it causes no sensible pain, leaves no stain, and produces no smoke.—Dipped in water and pressed, and afterwards dried between two leaves of blotting paper, it preserves its fulminating properties. General Gourgaud fired a charge of fulminating cotton from an ordinary fowling-piece, at a distance of forty yards from the object at which he aimed. He fired a holster pistol at a distance of 25 yards, and a pocket pistol at a distance of ten yards. At forty yards a ball from the fowling-piece traversed a plank of beech of 0.35 centimetres thickness; at 25 yards the ball from the holster pistol lodged in the plank without perforating it; the ball from the pocket pistol made the same impression on the plank as that which might have been produced by a charge of ordinary gunpowder. The charge of fulminating cotton leaves scarcely any residue in the barrel. The recoil of the gun is extremely slight, and the report is not louder than that of a large detonating cap. M. Chodsko, a Polish refugee, likewise presented a fulminating substance which has the appearance of cotton, and which was tried with an artillery musketoon, fired at forty yards. The ball produced the same effect as that fired by fulminating cotton, but it left a considerable deposit in the barrel. The cotton powder of M. Chodsko was compressed into a wadding in order to charge the gun, whilst the fulminating cotton was not. Both materials ignite by the blow of a hammer on an anvil, but not by the blow of a hammer on wood.

“In juxtaposition with these experiments, it will be interesting to place some which were recently made in the grounds of Mr. Barron of Stanmore, under Professor Schonbein’s superintendence. ‘Previously to trying its powers with fire-arms, the professor made several experiments to show its explosive properties and perfect combustion. He placed some gun-cotton upon a heap of the strongest and most easily ignited sporting gunpowder. The cotton was then fired by heated platinum wire; and, although there were innumerable points of contact between the cotton and the powder, the former exploded so instantaneously as to leave the gunpowder unexploded. The gun-cotton explodes at about 400 degrees of Fahrenheit, with a vividness of flame which is perfectly dazzling—leaving scarcely any residue behind. It has been stated that no smoke is emitted: this is erroneous. A slight smoke, or rather vapour, is thrown off; but it so soon disappears as to occasion no inconvenience. After repeated explosions of the cotton, the room in which the experiments were conducted was perfectly clear. It is difficult to over-estimate the advantages attendant upon the use of the gun-cotton in mines; since the smoke proceeding from the coarse gunpowder used for blasting purposes occasions so much annoyance and injury to the health of the miners. The experiments in blasting, tried in the Cornwall mines a short time ago, were most satisfactory and conclusive in favor of the gun-cotton. Another of its strange qualities consists in its not being deteriorated by damp or wet. Some gun-cotton which has been steeped in water for sixty hours, and dried by exposure to the air, exploded with the same facility, and as instantaneously, as cotton which had not been wetted. Professor Schonbein stated that immersion in water for two months has not impaired its explosive qualities in the slightest degree. The experiments with fowling-pieces and rifles were highly interesting and satisfactory. A gun charged with thirty grains of prepared cotton propelled an equal charge of shot with greater force and precision, at a distance of forty yards, than was done by the same gun loaded with a hundred and twenty grains of gunpowder. A rifle charged with fifty four and a half grains of gunpowder sent a ball through seven boards half an inch in thickness, and at a distance of forty yards; the same rifle charged with forty grains of gun-cotton propelled the ball into the eighth board. Another rifle, which had been used for elephant shooting, and consequently carried a much larger ball, charged with forty grains of gun-cotton, propelled a ball through eight boards at a distance of ninety yards. In no case was the discharge accompanied by a greater recoil than usual; and the reports were not louder than those accompanying the discharge of guns and rifles loaded with gunpowder. A hundred weight of the gun-cotton is on its way from Basle to Woolwich, having been ordered by government with the view of testing its applicability to heavy ordnance. Professor Schonbein states that the manufacture of the gun-cotton is unattended by risk, and that it can be effected in the short space of eight hours, and at a less cost than gunpowder. If these statements should turn out to be correct, the adoption of the gun-cotton will follow as a matter of course.

**PUNISHMENT OF A SUICIDE.**—The following story is told of a member of the Indiana Legislature, who is the butt of his associates on account of his ignorance. Opposite the member at a table, sat a sinful wag, who after leaning forward, and saying something about revising the laws, asked him very gravely—“Mr. —, what, in your opinion ought to be done with a man who would deliberately commit suicide?” The learned law maker clapped his hands upon his cranium to support his brain while he was resolving this intellectual difficulty, and wisely replied, “Why, Sir, I’d go for making the rascal pay five hundred dollars to the state, and marry the girl!”

**HILLO, HAWAII.**—From our correspondent at Hillo, we learn that a fine schooner, called the Honoli, belonging to Mr. J. N. Moore, was launched at Honoli, in January last, and that there have been two fires at Hillo, destroying from \$3000 to \$4000—the last supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

### BY AUTHORITY.

Okia e ke Kianina o Maui.

Ma Lahaina i ka la 20 o Februari, 1847, ua okia o Joseph Almy ke kaua a Kahue, a ua kaawale laua mai ko laua mare ana.

### PASSENGERS.

In ship Xylon, for California—Mrs. Millington, captain’s lady, and Messrs. J. B. McClurg and C. Lafranz.

### THE POLYNESIAN MARINE JOURNAL.

#### PORT OF HONOLULU.

##### ARRIVED.

February 20.—Am bark Hamilton, Babcock, Sag Harbor, 17 months, 1100 whale.  
Brem ship Averick Hennikin, Rounseville, Bremen, 19 mos., 2100 whale.  
23.—In offing and sailed same day, whale ships Amazon and India, from Maui.

##### SAILED.

Feb. 24.—Am ship Xylon, Millington, for San Francisco.  
CLEARED.  
Fr. brig Edouard Marie, of Bordeaux, for Tahiti and Valparaiso.  
Rus. Am. Co.’s bark Alexander, for Sitka.

##### MEMORANDA.

SHIPWRECK.—The American whale ship Heroine, of Fair Haven, Conn., was wrecked on Palmerston Island in October last. She had on board 1000 barrels of oil, 300 bbls. of which was saved. Only one man was lost, although the vessel went ashore in the night. The officers and crew were taken off by the Alert, Captain Middleton, of New London, and carried to the Bay of Islands, N. Z., Dec. 1.

#### PORT OF LAHAINA.

##### ARRIVED.

February 16.—Am ship India, Fisher, New Bedford, 18 mos, 250 sperm, 1750 whale.  
18.—Am bark Globe, West, Mystic, 15 months, 24 sperm, 700 whale.  
19.—Am ship Edward Carey, Sayer, Nantucket, 16 months, 125 sperm, 1250 whale.  
20.—Am ship John Jay, Howard, Sag Harbor, no report.  
21.—Am ship Philip Tabb, Jolls, Warren, 17 months, 25 sperm, 500 whale.

##### CAUTION!

THE public are hereby cautioned against leasing, purchasing or in any way occupying any part of the estate of the late Oliver Holmes, of Honolulu, as there are several of the heirs of the said Holmes who intend petitioning the Court in Chancery for a partition of said estate as soon as the Board of Commissioners to quiet land titles have disposed of the same, it having been referred to them for this purpose some time since.

Persons disregarding this notice, and leasing or occupying any part of said estate, under authorization of any one of the heirs of said Holmes, separately, do so at their peril, and are hereby so notified.

JOHN R. JASPER, Attorney for  
ROBERT G. DAVIS.

Honolulu, Feb. 27, 1847.

#### BENJAMIN PITMAN,

BYRON’S BAY, Hilo, Hawaii, dealer in Ship Chandlery, General Merchandise, Hawaiian Produce, and all kinds of supplies usually required by vessels recruiting at these Islands.

Large quantities of fire wood on hand, and for sale at \$6 per cord. Fresh beef supplied when demanded, and timber for repairs to be had at all times.

WANTED—Bills of Exchange on the United States, England and Europe, for which money will be advanced on the most reasonable terms.

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#### FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE,

DRAKE’S History of North American Indians, numerous plates, \$3 50; Condition and Fate of England, 2 vols., C. Lester, \$2; Glory and Shame of England, 2 vols., C. Lester, \$2; Greenhow’s Oregon, with map, \$2; Gray’s Botanical Text Book, \$2; Whately’s Logic, \$1; Whately’s Rhetoric, \$1; Beroaldi de Felicitate Opusculum, a Latin work, printed in 1495, \$2 50; Book of Common Prayer, plates, \$1 50, &c., &c.

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##### NOTICE.

THE undersigned have entered into a Co-partnership at this place, under the firm of R. VIDA & VON PFISTER, for the purpose of carrying on the SHIP CHANDLERY and COMMISSION BUSINESS, at the store on the beach, next to that occupied by Mr. Peter Corney.

F. RODRIGUEZ DE VIDA,  
E. H. VON PFISTER.

Honolulu, Feb. 24, 1847.

#### R. VIDA & VON PFISTER,

WILL keep constantly on hand a general assortment of Ship Chandlery, Provisions, &c., usually required for whale ships touching at this port for recruits; and will supply them at the lowest market prices for cash or Bills of Exchange on the United States, England and France.

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#### HOUSE FRAME FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers for sale the complete frame of a thatched house, as it now stands on his premises in the valley of Nuuanu. The building is 30 by 22 feet, with verandas 6 1-2 feet wide on all sides; it contains six sash windows and six doors, moveable frame partitions, &c., &c.

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WILLIAM PATY.

##### NOTICE.

C. LAFRENZ, Cabinet Maker, having gone to California, to return in a few months, gives notice to his patrons that his business will be carried on as heretofore, at his warehouse, in his name, by his brother.

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#### R. VIDA & VON PFISTER,

OFFER for sale on liberal terms, beef, pork, molasses, sugar, cordage, canvas, coffee and a general assortment of Ship Chandlery.

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### HENDERSON & CAMPBELL,

Thomas Henderson, } Honolulu, H. I.  
James Campbell, }

\*Rooms over the retail store of E. & H. Grimes, corner of Broadway and Fort sts.

#### NEW BOOKS!

JUST received per XYLON, and for sale by CHARLES E. HITCHCOCK, at the Polynesian office—

Prescott’s Conquest of Mexico, 3 vols. 8 vo,  
Niebuhr’s History of Rome, 2 vols. 8 vo,  
Ranke’s “ of the Popes, 2 vols. 8 vo,  
Wraxall’s Historical Memoirs, 1 vol. 8 vo,  
Posthumous “ “ “ “  
Walpole’s New Letters to H. Mann, 2 vol. 8 vo,  
Mem. of Reign of Geo. III, 2 vols. 8v,  
Mill’s Crusades of Chivalry, 2 vols. 8 vo,  
The Queens of England, 8 vols. 12 vo,  
Boz’s Works complete, 7 vols. 8 vo, ex. cloth,  
Cooper’s Works “ 47 vols. 12 mo. paper,  
And a great variety of Standard Miscellaneous Books, cheap Novels, &c., &c.

#### NOTICE.

PROPER application having been made to the undersigned for the appointment of a guardian over the minor children of Antonio Sam, lately deceased, notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the 3d day of March next, at 10 o’clock, A. M., is assigned as a day of hearing for such purpose.

WILLIAM L. LEE,

Judge, &c.

Dated Honolulu, Feb. 16, 1847.

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#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that it is the intention of the undersigned to apply to William L. Lee, one of the Judges of Oahu, on the 10th day of March next, at 10 o’clock, A. M., for probate of the last will and testament of Antonio Sam, now deceased.

JOSE NADAL,  
ANTONIO MANUEL.

Dated Honolulu, 17th Feb., 1847.

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#### TO SELL OR LET.

The HOUSE and premises lately occupied by Captain Nye, in Nuuanu Valley. For further particulars apply to the Agents of the Hudson Bay Company.

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#### E. & H. GRIMES.

OFFER for sale the following assortment of NEW GOODS, at low prices, received by late arrivals from Boston, suitable for the Islands, Oregon or California Markets.

Sheetings and shirtings, stripes, tickings, Am. and Eng. prints, long clothes, balzorines, Pantaloon and coat stuffs, &c., &c.  
Boiled linseed oil, spts. turpentine, blk. varnish, Seidlitz powders, sup. carb. soda, crm. of tartar, Bath tubs, white lead, paint brushes, Black paint, chrome yellow, green paint, Venetian red, &c., &c., &c.  
Superior snuff in bottles, starch, cloves, Mace, pimento, pepper, Cayenne, saleratus, Ground ginger, cigars, shot, Stoughton’s elixir, Assorted sauces, fancy soap,  
Copper, double and single blocks, mast hoops, Belaying pins, 1 iron pump, coal tar, pitch, Rosin, tarred cordage, Manila cordage, Marlin spikes, caulking irons, ship’s scrapers, Twine, signal and other lanterns, Horse, shoe, deck, scrub, dust, cloth, hair, Shaving, house, and other brushes, hand brooms, Calf boots, men’s thick boots, slippers, Children’s shoes, valices, bridles, umbrellas, Superior made, for seamen and native wear, Blue twilled flannel shirts, plaid shirts, check do, Trowsers, frock coats, linen trowsers, &c., &c. Nests tin pails, pint cups, 2 to 8 qt. pans, Sailors’ pots, Britannia tumblers, Iron shovels, steel do., iron spades, Iron and brass wire sieves, hair do., Hunt’s axes, Brads, copper and iron tacks, scissors, chisels, Drawing knives, spoke shaves, mortice chisels, Screw and spring braces with bitts, augurs, Hammers, gimlets pit saws, files, anvils, vices, Wrought nails, finishing do., hinges, Japan tea trays, log glasses, latches, London pins, gouges, trace and fluke chains, Rules, assorted cut nails, bread trays, Iron spoons, gridirons, razor straps, &c., &c.  
Also.—A complete assortment of STATIONERY.

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#### CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE subscribers have this day entered into a co-partnership, under the firm of HENDERSON & CAMPBELL.

THOMAS HENDERSON,  
JAMES CAMPBELL.

Honolulu, Feb. 1, 1847.

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#### HENDERSON & CAMPBELL

RESPECTFULLY inform the public that they have opened a tailoring establishment in this town, where they are now prepared to execute orders in every branch of that trade.

They have just received an assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres and vestings; also, a very superior article of Cashmere Cloths, suitable for riding habits, &c., &c.

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#### CORAL STONES.

PROPOSALS will be received at the establishment of C. W. Vincent, until Saturday, the 20th instant, for furnishing 4,000 Coral Stones, to be delivered on the ground selected by him.

#### —ALSO—

Proposals for laying the walls of a stone building. For further particulars inquire of

C. W. VINCENT.

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#### WANTED.

SIX Journeymen Carpenters, at C. W. VINCENT’S, to whom constant employment and the highest wages will be given. None but good workmen need apply.

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#### CHRONOMETER.

A First rate instrument—for sale. For terms apply to

E. H. BOARDMAN.

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BLANK BILLS OF EXCHANGE For Sale at the Polynesian Office.

#### REGULAR PACKET FOR LAHAINA.

The clipper schooner KAMEHAMEHA III., Captain ANTONIA, having fine accommodations, will run regularly between this port and Lahaina, except when required on His Majesty’s service.—Her days of departure from Honolulu, as near as can be calculated upon, will be Tuesdays and Saturdays, at 5, P. M.; from Lahaina, Monday and Friday evenings. She will carry mails and take freight and passengers.

Apply to Captain on board or to

Honolulu, Oct 10, 1846.

J. PIKOL.

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#### MOKU KUAI.

I a makemake kahi e kuai moku e hele mai i ke Kuhina waiwai e olelo pu. Eia na moku kuai, o HOOKAIKA, o PHIA, a o MOKU OLA.

HONOLULU HALE, 14 Nov., 1846.

#### TO LET.

FOUR good houses in the enclosure formerly occupied by Capt. Adams. They are well adapted for single gentlemen—are in a quiet part of the village, and will be let at a reasonable rent if applied for soon. A good Cook House and Bathing House are attached. Apply to

G. RHODES & CO.

May 9, 1846.

#### IN CHANCERY.—Order No. 15.

In the matter of the Estate of Wm. French and F. J. Greenway.

PURSUANT to the petition of John Ricord, Esq., Curator of said estate, accompanied with full detailed accounts of his transactions, and of the transactions of the receivers, Messrs. George Pelly, William Paty and William French; together with an inventory of the residuary assets due by this court to William French, the sole reversionary creditor, estimated in the gross, according to said French’s appraisal at \$64,017 50; and according to the appraisal of Messrs. Pelly and Paty, receivers, at \$44,254 00:

It is ordered that unless good, legal and satisfactory cause to the contrary be shown to the undersigned at his chambers on or before the Fourth day of March next, at 10 o’clock, A. M., the said remaining assets do revert to the said William French, free and clear of all incumbrances, claims and demands of all persons up to that date, other than those expressly created by order of this court and shown in Exhibit I. of the Curator’s report this day submitted: that thereafter all persons be forever barred from setting up such unasserted claim, and that the said curator and receivers be finally released, acquitted and discharged from all further accountability in the matter of said estate.

Done at my Chambers in Honolulu, this 9th day of February, 1847.

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LORRIN ANDREWS,

#### NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims on Mr. Robert Boyd, are requested to hand them to the undersigned for settlement, on or before the 1st of March next; and all persons indebted to the said Mr. Robert Boyd, are respectfully requested to settle the same on or before the time above named.

JAMES BASTIAN, Attorney at Law.

Honolulu, Feb. 3, 1847.

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#### REMOVAL.

EVERETT & CO. have taken the store and premises lately occupied by the Agents of the Hudson’s Bay Co., where they offer, at wholesale and retail, a good assortment of American and European Goods.

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#### JUST RECEIVED

BY the HUDSON’S BAY Co.’s bark Vancouver, and for sale by their Agents, GEORGE PELLY & GEORGE T. ALLAN.

36 bbls. salt Pork, 30 do Beef,

82 “ “ Salmon, 50 Flour.

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#### CHRONOMETER!

FOR SALE CHEAP.—The Chronometer lately belonging to the schooner Kamehameha III. A first rate instrument. Inquire of

EVERETT & CO.

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#### JUST RECEIVED

BY The HUDSON’S BAY Co.’s bark Columbia, and for sale by their Agents, GEORGE PELLY & GEORGE T. ALLAN.

1476 bbls prime Salmon, 80 half do. do.,

5 M. Pine Shingles, 22 1-4 Cedar do.,

14 bbls salted Beef, 6 do do Pork.

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#### DR. G. WATSON,

RESPECTFULLY offers his Professional services to the public generally. Office, next door to C. Brewer & Co.’s, where may be found a general assortment of Drugs and Medicines, Perfumes, Fancy Soaps, &c. RESIDENCE, with Capt. J. O. Carter, opposite the Polynesian Office.

Honolulu, Jan. 1, 1847.—isly.

#### SUGAR AND MOLASSES.

THE subscriber is constantly making, and has on hand, a superior quality of molasses and brown sugar, for sale cheap for cash or approved credit. Apply to

W. M. McLANE, or to

J. T. GOWER.

Makawao, Maui, Jan. 9, 1846.—ly

#### FOR SALE,

3,000 Bbls. Salt, 12,000 mat Bags, by ISAAC MONTGOMERY.

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#### NEW GOODS.

BEEF and pork, casks, barrels, shoofs, whale boats, spades, lances, whale irons, pens, beans, and irons, arrow root, cross cut and pit saws, coffee, vinegar, dried apples, whale lines, bedsteads, work tables, chairs, sarsaparilla syrup, rice, soap, 1 hand cart, syrup, molasses, sugar, &c., &c.

The above for sale by

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E. & H. GRIMES.

#### COFFEE.

HAWAIIAN COFFEE, in canvas bags, for sale at the Government Store.

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#### FIREWOOD!

FOR sale at the Government Store House, by

JONA PIKOL.